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SUBJECT: EXPERT MEETING ON UNIDO PETROCHEMICAL CONSULTATION

1. MISSION MET BRIEFLY EVENING JUNE 21 WITH RALPH W. KIENKER, MONSANTO COMPANY, WHO WAS U.S. PARTICIPANT IN JUNE 20-21 MEETIN OF EXPERTS ON UNIDO PETROCHEMICALS CONSULTATION. WITHOUT GOING INTO DETAILS OF CONCLUSION SAND RECOMMENDATIONS REACHED BY PARTICIPANTS (WHICH WERE ONLY THEN BEING PUT INTO FINAL FORM), KIENKER EXPRESSED HIS SATISFACTION WITH MEETING AND ITS RESULTS.

2. ACCORDING TO KIENKER, ONLY MAJOR POINT OF DIFFERENCE ON DRAFTING OF CONCLUSIONS AROSE WHEN WEST GERMAN PARTICIPANT OBJECTED TO INCLUSION OF REFERENCE TO NEED FOR DEVELOPMENT OF OVERSEAS MARKETS TO ACCOMPANY DEVELOPMENT OF PETROCHEMICAL INDUSTRY IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. KIENKER BELIEVED THAT DISCUSSION OF MARKETS INEVITABLE IN CONTEXT OF PETROCHEMICALS CONSULTATION AND WAS NOT DISTURBED BY REFERENCE TO THIS SUBJECT IN REPORT OF EXPERTS.

3. KIENKER WAS IMPRESSED BY QUALITY OF REPRESENTATION
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FROM OPEC COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY SAUDI-ARABIA, KUWAIT AND IRAN. HE BELIEVED THEIR VIEWS REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF PRODUCTIVE CAPACITY IN PETROCHEMICALS TO BE REALISTIC AND NOT THREATENING TO U.S. INDUSTRY. IN SUM, KIENKER THOUGHT THAT EXPERTS MEETING HAD LAID GOOD BASE FOR FURTHER WORK IN PREPARATION FOR EVENTUAL CONSULTATION.

4. COMMENT: DESPITE KIENKER'S EXPRESSION OF SATISFACTION WITH OUTCOME OF EXPERTS MEETING, WHICH WE WELCOME, MISSION CONTIUES TO ENTERTAIN DOUBTS ABOUT SOME ELEMENTS OF SECRETARIAT'S FOCUS ON CONSULTATIN MEETINGS IN GENERAL, AND ON PETROCHEMICALS SECTOR IN PARTICULAR. SPECIFICALLY,, WE ARE CONCERNED OVER SECRETARIAT INSISTENCE ON INCLUDING

REFERENCES, IN THE CASE OF EACH INDUSTRIAL SECTOR THAT HAS SO FAR BEEN DEALT WITH IN CONTEXT OF UNIDO CONSULTATIONS, TO THE NEED FOR SUFFICIENT DEVELOPING COUNTRY GROWTH IN EACH INDUSTRIAL SECTOR TO SATISFY TOTAL DEVELOPING COUNTRY DEMAND, A MOTION THAT SEEMS TO US FAR REMOVED FROM CONCEPT OF ECONOMIC INTERDEPENDENCE. (MISSION WILL OFFER FURTHER COMMENT TO THIS POINT AFTER RECEIPT AND STUDY OF CONCLUSIONS OF PETROCHEMICALS EXPERTS MEETING.) WITH REGARD TO PETROCHEMICALS CONSULTATION IN PARTICULAR, UNIDO STAFF MEMBER BECKER-BOOST (HEAD OF JOINT UNIDO/WORLD BANK UNIT AND CHAIRMAN OF UNIDO PETROCHEMICALS TASK FORCE) OFFERED COMMENT THAT REFLECTS MISSIONS'S DOUBT ABOUT APPROPRIATENESS OF TREATING OF PETROCHEMICALS SECTOR IN CONTEXT OF UNIDO CONSULTATIONS WHEN HE NOTED THAT EXPERTS MEETING DEMONSTRATED THAT PETROCHEMICALS CONSULTATION THREATENED

BECOME DIALOGUE BETWEEN PARTICIPANTS FROM OPEC AND FROM DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, LEAVING OTHER INTERESTED LDC'S ON SIDELINES.

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5. EXPERTS GROUP WILL PROBABLY BE CALLED UPON TO MEET AGAIN AT END 1977 IN INDIA AND MID-1978 IN VIENNA. STIBRAVY

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